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TRAINING SET FOR SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Eight training sessions for the 2012 [Summer Food Service](#) Program (SFSP) are scheduled for experienced and new sponsors.

Each session begins at 8:30 a.m. local time and will end no later than 4 p.m. local time. Interested participants may pre-register by e-mailing lisa.hatton@education.ky.gov.

Sessions For Traditional Sponsors (school districts, private non-profit organizations and government agencies)

March 13	Lake Barkley State Resort Park, Cadiz
March 14	University Plaza Hotel, Bowling Green
March 15	Hampton Inn, London
March 20	University of Louisville – Shelby Campus, Louisville
March 21	Clarion Hotel, Lexington
March 22	Carter Caves State Resort Park, Olive Hill

Sessions For Camps

March 27	Kentucky Department of Education, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort
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Sessions For Colleges

March 29	Kentucky Department of Education, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort
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The Summer Food Service Program provides nutritious meals to children without regard to race, color, national origin, age (within statutory limits), sex or disability during extended school vacation periods. The program is needed from May until September when schools are not in session. Meals and snacks are served to children in such places as churches, parks, playgrounds and schools.

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Public or private nonprofit schools; units of local, municipal, county or state governments; and public or private nonprofit agencies may qualify as sponsors of the Summer Food Service Program.

Residential summer camps whose enrollment includes needy children may also act as program sponsors.

Qualified sponsors are reimbursed for program operating and administrative expenses based on the number of eligible meals served. To be eligible, sponsors must:

- provide continuing service to the community
- serve meals on a regular schedule to children or provide meals as a part of an organized program for enrolled children at camps
- show they are financially and administratively capable of operating the program

In addition to the Traditional Summer Food Service Program, school districts currently participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) have the option to participate in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). The SSO is an alternative to the traditional summer program that relieves many of the administrative burdens for experienced school districts. School districts interested in the SSO should contact Sue Bartenfield at (502) 564-5625 or sue.bartenfield@education.ky.gov.

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